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## IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 4.

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

## Listing of Claims

Claims 1-4. (Canceled)

- 5. (Currently Amended) <u>A</u> The composition of claim 4 for alleviating neuropathic pain, comprising:
- a prosaposin receptor agonist consisting of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2 in a neuropathic pain alleviating effective amount; and
- a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a controlled release formulation.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A The composition of claim 4 for alleviating neuropathic pain, comprising:
- a prosaposin receptor agonist consisting of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2 in a neuropathic pain alleviating effective amount; and
- a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a liposomal form.

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7. (Currently Amended) <u>A</u> The composition of claim 4 for alleviating neuropathic pain, comprising:

a prosaposin receptor agonist consisting of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2 in a neuropathic pain alleviating effective amount; and

- a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the pharmaceutical composition is in a lyophilized form.
- 8. (Currently Amended)  $\underline{A}$  The composition of claim 4 for alleviating neuropathic pain, comprising:
- a prosaposin receptor agonist consisting of the sequence shown in SEQ ID NO:2 in a neuropathic pain alleviating effective amount; and
- <u>a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, wherein the</u> pharmaceutical composition is in a unit dosage form.

Claims 9-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The composition of <u>any of claims</u>
5-8 <del>claim 4</del>, wherein the neuropathic pain results from diabetes.